



NEWS RELEASE

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EPD Warns of Aggressive Door-to-Door Sales

Eugene Police have received an influx of reports of exceptionally aggressive door-to-door sales teams working in all areas of the City. While door-to-door sales are nothing new, and not illegal these recent reports have been cause for concern due to the overly forceful nature of the encounters with these subjects.

Reports have been received of individuals selling cleaning products who have pushed past the residents answering the door to enter the home. Their persistent questioning of residents is also a cause for concern and deviates from a normal sales pitch of someone concentrating on cleaning sales.

These incidents are being investigated for any connection to recent crimes and the Eugene Police Department is hoping that the public can assist by notifying the non-emergency dispatch when they have interactions with these individuals. Police are requesting that if you have had such a contact in recent days you call the non-emergency number at 541.682.5111 (selecting 1 at each option to speak with a dispatcher) so that investigators can track contacts and compare with any possible crimes in the area they have been working.

Police would also remind citizens that when an individual enters a residence without being invited, they should instruct the subject to get out of the home and inform them they will call the police. If the subject remains in a private residence after being advised to leave, that person is committing trespass and police will respond to the scene for assistance.

Tonight, EPD's Crime Prevention Unit will host another neighborhood outreach in the Friendly Street area at the Friendly Street Church of God, 2290 Friendly Street. While the presentation is customized to the Friendly Area Neighbors it is open to all community members and will provide additional details on the sales team described here.

